MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : Sir, I beg to correct the answer given to this question. There is a slight mistake which has occurred in the answer. The correct answer ought to be this.

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 3850 has been received and is under scrutiny in the Chief Engineer's Office.

Agricultural Colony in Central Travancore.

323. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to R. O. C. No. 1135/38/Devpt., dated 22nd July 1938, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received the representation dated 6-2-1938 from the Secretary of the All-Travancore Agricultural Student's Association praying for the establishment of another agricultural colony in Central Travancore, or for the appointment of those, who have agricultural training, as teachers in Malayalam Schools;

(*b*) the steps taken for bringing the above Government order into effect;

(*c*) the number of such men appointed as teachers, in pursuance of the above order; and

(*d*) the number of persons having the agricultural training, who are qualified to be appointed as teachers in the Malayalam Schools?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of establishing another agricultural colony is under consideration. The claims of those having agricultural training are being considered, in filling up vacancies among teachers.

(*c*) Five.

(*d*) Thirty-nine according to details so far available.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know the year in which the last appointment was made?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : It is not possible to give the year immediately as the appointment was made by the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why it is difficult to find out the year when the last appointment was made?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I did not say that it was difficult to give the year. What I said was, the appointment was made by the Director of Public Instruction and so he alone can answer the member.

Marketing of eggs.

324. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the fourth meeting of the Board of Agriculture made recommendations to the Government regarding the marketing of eggs; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what those recommendations are?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) and (*b*) The fourth meeting of the Board of Agriculture has passed the following resolution on the subject :—

"Resolved that the Government be requested to sanction the levy of a cess not exceeding eight annas per thousand or six annas per Railway maund of eggs (hen's or duck's) exported from the country and that the revenue derived therefrom be transferred to a fund called the Egg Marketing Improvement Fund to be administered by a Board appointed for the purpose."

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether a copy of the resolution passed at the fourth meeting of the Board of Agriculture was forwarded to Government by the President of the Board of Agriculture ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : No, Sir.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know why it was not forwarded to Government ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The resolution is still under consideration by the President of the Board of Agriculture.

Agricultural Schools.

325. ❋MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names and numbers of the agricultural schools run by the Government ;

(*b*) whether petitions have been received from past students with Malayalam Higher or S. S. L. C. qualification praying that they may be appointed in the Education Department ; and

(*c*) whether Government have taken any action on such petitions ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Two Agricultural Schools, one at Kottarakara and the other at Koni, are run by Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know how many petitions have been received for appointment in the Education Department ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I claim notice, Sir.

Diseases of coccanut trees.

326. ❋MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent of the area wherein cocoanut trees are affected by disease ;

(*b*) whether any survey has been conducted for the purpose; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for not doing so ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Cocoanut trees are subject to various diseases, and the extent of the area affected by different diseases

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